

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-18 are pending. Claims 1-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite. Further, all claims 1-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious from Felthaus et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,420,786 ("Felthaus") in view of Steven Berne, Supply Chain Savvy, Food Engineering (August 1, 1999) ("Berne").

Applicant's Reply

Applicant respectfully traverses the indefiniteness and prior art rejections of the claims.

Prior art rejections

Applicant has filed a Notice of Appeal, which was received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 5, 2005. Applicants are filing their Appeal Brief on even date with this paper.

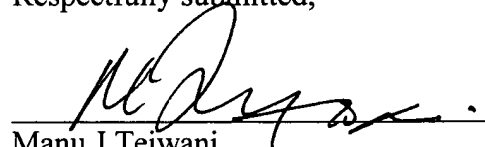
Indefiniteness rejections

Applicant has amended claims 1-11, as kindly suggested by the Examiner, to call out a "computer readable medium" for realizing the functionality of the computer program for estimating sales of specialty products. Applicants request entry of the amendment claims as they place the application in better condition for appeal.

Conclusion

If there are any remaining issues to be resolved, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to kindly contact the undersigned attorney by telephone for quick resolution.

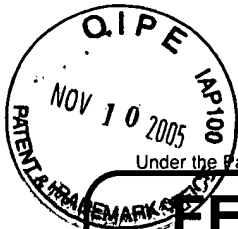
Respectfully submitted,

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2005

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1004	2004	Reissue filing fee	
1005	2005	Provisional filing fee	
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent	-20 =		0
Multiple Dependent	-3 =		0

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description
1202	2202	Claims in excess of 20
1201	2201	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	2203	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	2204	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	2205	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	2051	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	2052	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	1053	Non-English specification	
1812	1812	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	1804	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1805	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	2251	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	2252	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	2253	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	2254	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2255	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	2401	Notice of Appeal	
1402	2402	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	500
1403	2403	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1451	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	2452	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	2453	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	2501	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	2502	Design issue fee	
1503	2503	Plant issue fee	
1460	1460	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	1807	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	1806	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	8021	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	2809	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	2810	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	2801	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	1802	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

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